
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

S-532 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 25, 2021

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [56](#)

BY DiPalma, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, de la Cruz, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT {LC314/1} (Precludes a parent's disability from serving as the sole basis for the state to institute an investigation of the disabled parent's family.)

01/19/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/25/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/19/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [128](#)

BY Raptakis, Lombardi, Coyne, Euer, Rogers, Paolino, Felag, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES --

CHILDREN--CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED {LC447/1} (Repeals the requirement that law enforcement officers issue only warnings of the risks to persons leaving a child under the age of seven (7) unattended in a motor vehicle.)

01/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/25/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/19/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [133](#)

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiMario, Murray, DiPalma, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS

{LC732/1} (Increases the maximum amount to be recovered in civil court action as a small claims from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).)

01/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/11/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/19/2021 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [561](#)

BY Kallman, Quezada, Ciccone, Goodwin, Mack, Acosta, Euer, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT {LC2263/1} (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/05/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/19/2021 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [518](#)

BY McCaffrey, Anderson, Ciccone, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC2304/1} (Delineates the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [188](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Miller, Euer, Lombardi, Kallman, Archambault, Valverde, DiMario, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC1093/1} (Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple possession of ten grams (10g) or less of certain controlled substances as a misdemeanor punishable as a two (2) year misdemeanor rather than a felony.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [65](#)

BY Miller, Coyne, Quezada, Archambault, Bell, Murray, Valverde, DiMario, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT - OFFENSES AND PENALTIES {LC356/1} (Excludes the possession of buprenorphine from those controlled substances that can result in criminal penalties.)

01/19/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [503](#)

BY Euer, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Kallman, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC1424/1} (Allows for the sealing of records pertaining to cases for which a person is acquitted or otherwise exonerated from a charged offense and eliminates the one hundred dollar (\$100) fee for the expungement of a criminal record.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [193](#)

BY Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Valverde, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS {LC741/1} (Requires that penalties or restitution payments for larceny of a campaign account or campaign expenditure reporting violations be deposited into the Rhode Island crime victim compensation program fund and not into the candidate's campaign account.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [313](#)

BY Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Coyne, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING {LC1038/1} (Prohibits littering upon private property owned by another person.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [315](#)

BY Quezada, Calkin, Mack, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE {LC1334/1} (Amends the conditions of bail and recognizance to permit the release of a person charged with a misdemeanor without financial conditions.)

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [408](#)

BY Quezada, Lawson, Kallman, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS {LC1617/1} (Requires all hotels to make a good faith effort to post human trafficking awareness signage and provide all employees with human trafficking awareness training.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [530](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Archambault, Ciccone, Lombardo, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC2253/1} (Adds a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing robbery of the owner, lessor, or occupant of a motor vehicle and that the owner or occupant of the vehicle acted in self defense.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [533](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Archambault, Ciccone, Lombardo, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND

BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC2250/1} (Provides a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing any violent criminal offense that individual is lawfully in a place they have a right to be, and acted in self-defense and reasonable belief of harm.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [249](#)

BY Bell, Calkin, Murray, Anderson, Goldin, Quezada, Cano, Mendes, Valverde, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT

{LC283/1} (Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer. The act would also provide that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than 3 years.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [257](#)

BY Bell, Mack, Mendes, Acosta, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC281/1} (Provides for a reduced penalty for the offense of larceny, and further provides for a tiered penalty system for the offense of shoplifting.)

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [189](#)

BY DiMario, Euer, Murray, Lawson, Valverde, Pearson, Mendes, Mack, Goldin, Anderson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES {LC510/1} (Forbids an employer to require an employee to execute a nondisclosure agreement; or non-disparagement agreement regarding alleged violations of civil rights or criminal conduct as a condition of employment.)

02/05/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [502](#)

BY Burke, Archambault, Lombardi, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC2098/1}

(Makes it a misdemeanor to possess, transfer and/or produce child erotica for the specific purpose of sexual gratification or sexual arousal, punishable by confinement in jail for not more than one year, or fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.)

03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [393](#)

BY Acosta, Anderson, Calkin, Mendes, Cano, Kallman, Mack, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS {LC1959/1} (Requires state and national criminal background checks person volunteering or interning at any elementary or secondary educational institution. It would also waive fees for background checks employment with salary of less than forty thousand dollars.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [118](#)

BY Acosta, Calkin, Mack, Cano, Quezada, Mendes, Anderson, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC841/1} (Reduces the maximum sentence for a misdemeanor from one year to three hundred and sixty-four (364) days, and would apply to all persons sentenced after its effective date.)

01/26/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [532](#)

~~BY Mack, Bell, Acosta, Kallman, Calkin, Anderson, DiMario, Valverde, Cano, Miller~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC2240/1} (~~Prohibits the court from holding a person without bail for a period not to exceed ten (10) days at the ACI for violating the terms of his/her probation.)~~

~~03/04/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary~~

~~03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [604](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Mendes, Calkin, Anderson, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC2327/1} (Makes possession of controlled substances civil violations punishable by a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine for each offense. Offenders may have to complete drug counseling and community service.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [605](#)

BY Euer, Miller, Lawson, Acosta, Quezada, DiMario, Valverde, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - THE FAIR CHANCE EMPLOYMENT ACT {LC2267/1} (Prohibits employers from conducting a background check until after a conditional employment offer is made, and prohibit considering convictions.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

The State House continues to be closed to the public at this time.

This meeting will be streamed live online through Capitol TV

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted to the committee by emailing it to:

jpbaxter@rilegislature.gov

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 25, 2021, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

Members of the public can request to provide verbal testimony to the committee through the following link: [VERBAL TESTIMONY](#)

***Requests to provide verbal testimony must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.**

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